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Dear Friends:

It is always important for me to know your opinions on issues related to state government. I hope you will complete the survey to the right and mail it to me at the Statehouse.

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The governor tells us this is the only way to fund important transportation projects in our state. He says he knows what is in the best long-term interests of our state. He wants us to give legislative approval to discard one of our most valuable assets—one that funds many important projects in Northern Indiana—without offering any of the details.

I do know this about selling or leasing the toll road—the fees will increase and our secondary roads and highways will become more congested as motorists resist paying more to drive on the road. Hoosiers who work for the toll road—people in our own neighborhoods—may lose those jobs or be forced to accept positions that offer less pay and fewer benefits.

We need only to look at our neighbors in Chicago to see the effects of leasing a major roadway. Just weeks after signing a 99-year agreement to lease the Chicago Skyway, **the foreign company that assumed control raised the tolls 25 percent.** The fee will ultimately double to \$4 in the coming years.

Privatization is not the key to Indiana's growth and prosperity as Governor Daniels claims. Indiana law offers little oversight on private companies using state tax dollars to provide services. Even my Republican colleagues in the House say that many questions must be answered before the sale or lease of the Indiana Toll Road.

We must proceed with caution, and **I promise you that I will continue to pursue a fair, honest and open government accountable to all citizens.** I look forward to hearing from you.

B. Daniel Bauer



2006 Legislative Survey

Please complete this survey and return it to me by mail or online at www.in.gov/H6. Two sets of answers are provided so a second person of your household may respond.

The presence of a question in this survey does not necessarily indicate Rep. Bauer's support or opposition for the issue.

1. Do you believe Indiana should conduct a statewide referendum in 2006 to determine whether our state should be on Eastern time with New York or Central time with Chicago?

First person	Second person
<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
<input type="checkbox"/> no opinion	<input type="checkbox"/> no opinion

2. Do you agree with the governor's plan to lease or sell the Indiana Toll Road to private or foreign investors?

<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
<input type="checkbox"/> no opinion	<input type="checkbox"/> no opinion

3. Do you believe the state of Indiana should privatize some of its operations, such as prisons, hospitals and parks?

<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
<input type="checkbox"/> no opinion	<input type="checkbox"/> no opinion

4. Recent Supreme Court rulings have allowed private property to be seized for development. Should Indiana pass laws to curb this practice?

<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
<input type="checkbox"/> no opinion	<input type="checkbox"/> no opinion

5. Should video gaming machines (better known as "cherry masters") be allowed in restaurants and bars in Indiana, with the state collecting a share of the proceeds?

<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
<input type="checkbox"/> no opinion	<input type="checkbox"/> no opinion

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